

Amendment to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing voice instructions to a user for operating an external defibrillator device ~~having a~~ comprised of at least one set of electrodes couplable to a patient, said method comprising the steps of:
- 5 transmitting over a wireless protocol a voice prompt instructing the user to
- attach the set of electrodes to the patient; ~~and~~
- checking the impedance of the at least one pair of electrodes, and
- prompting the user over the wireless protocol with a voice prompt if the electrodes are
- 10 not properly attached; and
- transmitting over the wireless protocol at least one additional voice prompt
- instructing the user by explaining how to administer defibrillator therapy.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising the step of transmitting over the wireless protocol a voice prompt instructing the user to administer CPR therapy.
3. (Original) The method of claim 2 further comprising the step of transmitting over the wireless protocol a voice prompt instructing the user that a patient assessment sequence is to begin.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said external defibrillator is a fully automatic external defibrillator.
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 wherein said external defibrillator is a semi-automatic external defibrillator.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein said wireless protocol is selected from the group consisting of Bluetooth, IEEE 802.11,

IEEE 802.15, IEEE802.16, Near Field Communication --- Interface and Protocol ("NFCIP-1"), and HomeRF.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of transmitting voice prompts to a receiver embedded in a portable device.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein said portable device is selected from the group consisting of a headphone, wireless telephone and a PDA.

9. (Previously Presented) An electrotherapy device comprising:

a controller;

an energy source;

5 at least one electrode for providing electrotherapy to a patient;

an energy delivery system operable by the controller to deliver an electrical shock from the energy source to the at least one electrode;

a voice circuit for generating audio prompts initiated by the controller;

10 a wireless transmitter coupled to the voice circuit for transmitting the audio prompts over a wireless communication protocol.

10. (Previously Presented) The electrotherapy device of claim 9 further comprising a portable device having a wireless receiver embedded therein, said wireless receiver operating in accordance with the wireless communication protocol over which the wireless transmitter operates.

11. (Previously Presented) The electrotherapy device of claim 10 wherein said portable device is selected from the group consisting of a headphone, wireless telephone and a PDA.

12. (Original) The electrotherapy device of claim 9 wherein said electrotherapy device is an external defibrillator.

13. (Original) The electrotherapy device of claim 12 wherein said external defibrillator is a fully automatic external defibrillator.

14. (Original) The electrotherapy device of claim 12 wherein said external defibrillator is a semi-automatic external defibrillator.

15. (Original) The electrotherapy device of claim 9 wherein said wireless communication protocol employed by the wireless receiver is selected from the group consisting of Bluetooth, IEEE 802.11, IEEE 802.15, IEEE802.16, Near Field Communication --- Interface and Protocol ("NFCIP-1"), and
5 HomeRF.

16. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the audio prompt instructs the user that a patient assessment is beginning.

17. (New) The electro therapy device of claim 10 wherein the wireless transmitter transmits the audio prompt over the wireless protocol to the user.

18. (New) The electro therapy device of claim 17 wherein the portable device includes a headphone.

19. (New) An electrotherapy device comprising:
a controller;
an energy source;
at least one electrode for providing electrotherapy to a patient;
5 an energy delivery system operable by the controller to deliver an electrical shock from the energy source to the at least one electrode;
an impedance monitoring device for determining whether the at least one electrodes are properly attached and for prompting the user;
a voice circuit for generating audio prompts initiated by the controller;
10 a wireless transmitter coupled to the voice circuit for transmitting the audio prompts over a wireless communication protocol.